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In the Claims

1. (currently amended) A press pad having a fabric whose warp and/or weft ~~(1)~~ have alternating types of thread having differing elasticities transverse to the thread axis, characterized in that these types of thread have ~~polymer~~ material with high temperature stability.
2. (currently amended) The press pad according to ~~the preceding claim 1~~, characterized in that at least two types of thread have polymer material at least on their lateral surfaces.
3. (currently amended) The press pad according to ~~one of the preceding claims claim 1~~, characterized in that at least one thread is of a polymer material ~~that~~ is an elastomer.
4. (currently amended) The press pad according to ~~one of the preceding claims claim 1~~, characterized in that at least one type of thread is bunched or stranded from fibers.
5. (currently amended) The press pad according to ~~one of the preceding claims claim 1~~, characterized in that at least one type of thread has a sheath ~~(6, 8)~~ made of a polymer material and a core ~~(4, 6)~~ having higher tensile strength than this sheath.
6. (currently amended) The press pad according to ~~the preceding claim 5~~, characterized in that the core ~~(4)~~ is essentially made of metal.
7. (currently amended) The press pad according to Claim 5, characterized in that the core ~~(6)~~ is essentially made of polyamide.
8. (currently amended) The press pad according to Claim 5, characterized in that the core ~~(6)~~ is essentially bunched or stranded from fibers.

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9. (currently amended) The press pad according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 2, characterized in that the weft (1)-alternately has a first number of threads (2)-of a first type of thread and a second number of threads (3)-of a second type of thread.
10. (new) The press pad according to claim 2, characterized in that at least one polymer material is an elastomer.
11. (new) A press pad comprising:
a warp including warp threads having 1) differing elasticities transverse to a thread axis, and 2) a polymer material at least on their lateral surfaces; and
a weft interwoven with the warp, the weft including weft thread that is bunched or stranded from fibers.
12. (new) The press pad according to claim 11, wherein at least one weft thread has a sheath made of a polymer material and a core having higher tensile strength than this sheath.
13. (new) The press pad according to claim 12, wherein the core is essentially made of metal.
14. (new) The press pad according to claim 12, wherein the core is essentially made of polyamide.
15. (new) The press pad according to claim 12, wherein the warp has a core that is essentially bunched or stranded from fibers.
16. (new) The press pad according to claim 3, characterized in that at least one type of thread is bunched or stranded from fibers.

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17. (new) The press pad according to claim 3, characterized in that at least one type of thread has a sheath made of a polymer material and a core having higher tensile strength than this sheath.
18. (new) A press pad with improved pressure compression having:
a warp;
weft in communication with the warp; and
wherein at least one thread has 1) a sheath that is an elastomer and has a high
5 temperature stability, and 2) a core that is essentially made of metal.
19. (new) The press pad according to claim 18, wherein at least one core is essentially made of polyamide.
20. (new) The press pad according to claim 18, wherein at least one core is essentially bunched or stranded from fibers.